

"But, good heavens ! you would have seen that resistance could be of no avail against such immense masses." — " You are right, General; but French honor would have been defended to the last."— "I am fully aware of that; but surely you have earned glory enough ! " — "Yet our French susceptibility would have made us look upon that glory as tarnished if Paris had been occupied without defence. . . . But under present circumstances I am well pleased that you were, satisfied with my conduct in Hamburg, for it induces me to hope that you will observe the same moderation in Paris that I exercised then*. The days are past when it could be said, Woe to the conquered." — " You are right; yet," added he, smiling, "you know we are (jailed the northern barbarians." — "Then, General," returned I, "you have a fair opportunity of showing that that designation is a libel."

Home days after Blueher's visit I had the honor of being admitted to a private audience of the King of Prussia. Clarke and Berthier wen* also received in this audience, which took place at the hotel of Prince Eugdne, where the King of Prussia resided in Paris. We waited for some minutes in the *wtfan*, and when Frederick William entered from his cabinet I remarked on his countenance an air of embarrassment and austerity which convinced me that he had been studying his part, as great personages are in the habit of doing on similar occasions. Tin* King on entering the *salon* first noticed Berthier, whom he juldrossed with much kindness, bestowing praises on tin*. French troops, and complimenting the Marshal on his conduct during the war in Germany. Berthier returned thanks for them** well-merited praises, for though, he was not remarkable for strength of understanding or energy of mind, yet he was not a bad man, and I have known many proofs of his good conduct in conquered countries.

After saluting Berthier the King of Prussia turned towards Clarke, and his countenance immediately assumed an expression of dissatisfaction, he had evidently not forgotten Clarke's conduct in Berlin. He reminded him that he, had rendered the Continental system more odious than it was in itself, and that he had shown no moderation in the execution of his orders.